

as Lecompte, the editor of *Lt*.* rV//,sr//r, observed, "only of liberty after the fashion of Monsieur Fouche, used every art in his power to prevent the contagion of freedom from spreading too widely." This Lecompte had thought he was aiding the cause of liberty in contributing, as he had done, to the return of Napoleon; but soon "seeing the prevailing influence of the military, he published some severe remarks on the undue weight the army assumed in public, affairs, which, he hesitated not to say, was bringing France to the condition of Rome, when the Empire was disposed of by the pretorian guards/¹ This gave great offence : the journal was seized by the police, and the Minister (Kotiche) endeavoured to palliate the fact in the *Mtntitcur* (*the t/nwrnnicnt jut/wr and th.c. /tajHtr of all t/twrHMMtfi*) by saying that although seized it had been instantly restored. Lecompte was not a man to be so silenced; he published a contradiction of the official statements, and declared that his journal had not been restored. He was summoned the next day before the Prefect, alternately threatened and wheedled, upbraided at one moment with ungrateful resist-since to the cause of the Emperor, and requested at the next to think of something in which to govern-incur might serve him. "Steeled against every proffer and entreaty, Lecompte only required to be permitted *tn ftrnjit Inj* ////• *wxfwt/* //MT/// «/ ' *tin* jtrt'Hit* ; nor could the worthy magistrate make him rightly understand that when the Emperor gave all men liberty to publish what pleased themselves it was under the tacit condition that it should also please the Prefect and Minister of Police*/¹¹

We now come to the futmuiH CJltantp-de-Mai, and the rcHnltB that are we from it.

A coneJHi* account of thin imposing ceremony was given by an eminent English writer,³ who

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